

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A supplier for supplying mechanical components supports aggressively the business activity of the sales agency over the Internet, thereby promoting the sales activity of the agency while making use of the function of the agency and improving customer services as well. A communication device of a supplier connected to an open network such as the Internet is provided with technical information service means for allowing a purchaser having accessed thereto to select a mechanical component and with means for introducing to the purchaser the sales agency that sells the selected mechanical component. A communication device of the sales agency connected to the open network is provided with means for performing processing electronically such as price quotation for inquiry, acceptance of orders, payment reclaim, and delivery.